GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:138
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2001
UTILIZATION OF FUNDS UNDER CRSP
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocation and utilisation of funds provided under Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) for different projects in Maharashtra and other States, particularly in Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe and Backward areas during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to implement this programme more effectively in the said areas;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the misappropriation of funds provided under the Scheme during the said period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.138 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2001

(a) The details of allocation and utilization of funds, State-wise including Maharashtra,under the Central Rural Sanitation Programme(CRSP), as per the available information, during the last three years are given at Annexure-I. Under the CRSP, no funds are allocated particularly for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Backward areas. However, under the CRSP, instructions have been issued to all the States/UTs that out of total funds earmarked for construction of individual household latrines under Central Rural Sanitation Programme, a minimum of 25% should be earmarked for the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.In addition, from 1st April, 1999, the CRSP has been restructured and Total Sanitation Campaign projects have been taken up in project mode in identified districts. The details, State-wise, about these projects is at Annexure-ll. Maharashtra has been sanctioned 9 Total Sanitation Campaign Projects in the Districts of Amrawati, Dhule, Nanded, Raigad, Chandrapur, Ratnagiri, Yavatmal, Sangli and Aurangabad amounting to Rs.140.53 crores. The first instalment of Rs.23.1 crore of the Central Assistance has already been released to these Districts.

(b) Taking into consideration the experience gained in the implementation of the Programme in the past, the Central Rural Sanitation Programme(CRSP) was restructured w.e.f. 1st April 1999. The Restructured Central Rural Sanitation Programme moves away from the principle of State-wise allocations primarily based on poverty criteria to a `demand-driven` approach. States are required to formulate Total Sanitation Campaign(TSC) projects in identified pilot districts. The programme is implemented as community led and people centered. A demand driven approach is adopted with increased stress on awareness building and meeting the demand with alternate delivery mechanisms. Rural school sanitation has been introduced as a major component and entry point for wider acceptance of sanitation by the rural people.

(c) & (d) As per available information, no specific case of misappropriation of funds under this scheme has been brought to the notice of the Ministry of Rural Development.